

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 CANBER 01958 120819Z

17

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 AGR-05 L-03 SS-15 NSC-05 COME-00

TRSE-00 AID-05 IGA-02 SP-02 STR-04 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 EUR-12 /075 W

----- 105028

P R 120700Z MAR 76

FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7705

INFO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 1958

PASS AGRICULTURE FOR MEEKER AND REISZ

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, AS

SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN REACTION TO U.S. MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM FOR 1976

REF: STATE 059029

1. EMBOFFS CONTACTED REPRESENTATIVES OF DOT AND DPI ON MARCH 12 TO CONVEY POINTS IN REFTEL. EARLIER IN THE WEEK, R.E. ANDERSON, FAS/W CALLED ON SECRETARY IVES (DPI) TO CONVEY ESSENTIALLY THE SAME MESSAGE IN BOTH INSTANCES, WE REVIEWED THE PROGRAM IN DETAIL AND URGED PROMPT ACTION TO CONCLUDE THE VOLUNATRY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT BEFORE THE NEXT U.S.D.A. ANNOUNCEMENT ON MARCH 31. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CHANCES OF NEGOTIATING ANY CHANGES AT THIS POINT WERE SLIM, AND THAT ANY DELAY BEYOND MARCH 31 COULD RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS.

2. GOA IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A POSITION PAPER NOW. IT IS EXPECTED TO GET MINISTERIAL APPROVAL AND BE IN WASHINGTON BY MONDAY MARCH 15. ALTHOUGH WE WERE NOT GIVEN THE DETAILS OF WHAT WOULD BE IN THE PAPER, WE WERE TOLD THAT OUR PORPOSAL HAD LITTLER OR NO CHANCE OF APPROVAL IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 CANBER 01958 120819Z

3. THE TWO MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN TO AUSTRALIA CENTER IN THE PREFERENTIAL SHORTFALL ARRANGEMENT FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE 70 MILLION POUND PROVISION FOR CANADA WITH NO PROVISION FOR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS. GOA OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THESE TWO CONDITIONS VIRTUALLY ASSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE OF ANY SHORTFALL ALLOCATION FOR AUSTRALIA DURING THE YEAR. THEY SAID THAT THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF 624.5 MILLION WOULD PROBABLY BE THE UPPER LIMIT ON EXPORTS. THIS WOULD BE WELL UNDER 1975 PERFORMANCE.

4. COMMENT: THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION ON OUR 1976 MEAT IMPORT PROPOSAL. THEY WERE VERY CRITICAL OF THE WAY THE FORMER LABOR GOVERNMENT HANDLED THE U.S. MEAT PROGRAM, AND THEY NOW SEE A SITUATION WHEREBY THEY COULD DO WORSE. IT DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PROGRAM WOULD BE NEEDED TO SATISFY THE AUSTRALIANS BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR THEY WILL PRESS VERY HARD FOR SOME IMPROVEMENT.
HARGROVE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: IMPORT CONTROLS, MEATS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: SmithRJ
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976CANBER01958
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760093-1128
From: CANBERRA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760368/aaaachrb.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 59029
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <17 SEP 2004 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AUSTRALIAN REACTION TO U.S. MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM FOR 1976
TAGS: EAGR, AS, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006